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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

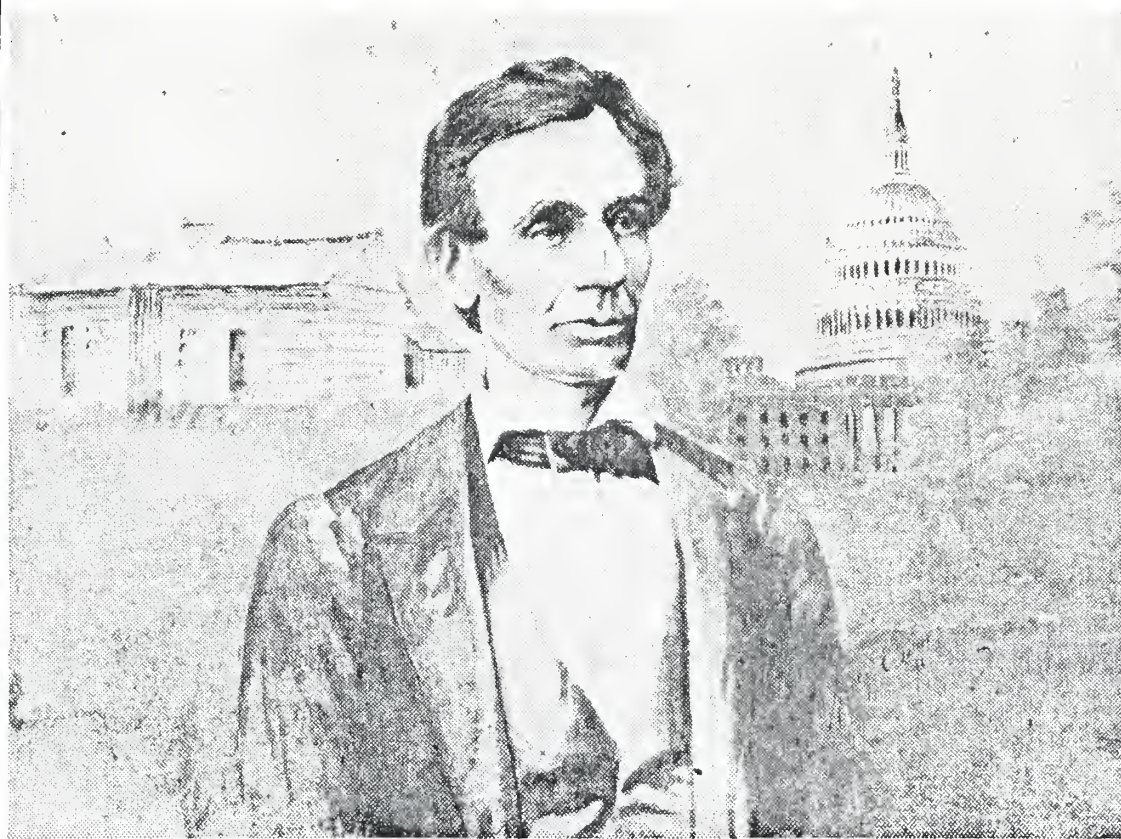
George H. Oilar

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Local Man Does Wash Painting of Lincoln



A wash drawing of Honest Abe.

AMONG THOSE the depression left with an abundance of leisure was George H. Oilar, 1720 N. New Jersey St.

So Mr. Oilar purchased a 10-cent box of water colors. That started a hobby that has occupied as much of Mr. Oilar's time as he could spare from his duties as a wholesale furniture factory representative.

His latest work is a wash drawing of Lincoln who, it turns out, may be a distant relative of Mr. Oilar. It seems that Mr. Oilar's grandfather has been reported to Mr. Oilar as having been a second cousin of the great President whose birthday is being observed throughout the nation today.

Among Mr. Oilar's other works

is a watercolor portrait of President Roosevelt which he presented to the late Mrs. James Roosevelt on Mother's Day in 1934.

One of Mr. Oilar's proudest possessions is a letter of thanks from the President's mother.

The only actual training Mr. Oilar ever had was a course in the fundamentals of drawing at Purdue University back in '87.

